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FOURTH AMENDMENT - RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in further response to the Office Action mailed 27 June 2006.

Applicant herewith elects species (2) coupling a thermoplastic material and fibers, (3) heat-shrinking product, and (6) plastic core.

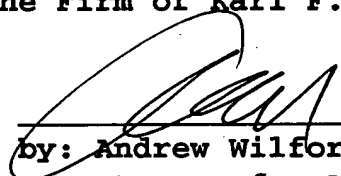
Claim 29 is generic to all species.

Claims 30 and 32 - 40 are specific to a heat-shrinking product.

Claims 42, 43 - 47, and 49 - 54 are specific to a plastic core.

It is not understood how the case can be restricted to three different species. Nonetheless an attempt has been made to do so.

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